

# Wallpaper\*

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## DEPARTURE INFO

German architects have put modernity on the menu at this Stuttgart trattoria with a twist



## HANGING TOGETHER

## TRATTORIA DA LORETTA, STUTTGART

German architects Peter Ippolito and Gunter Fleitz have brought an interesting take on the Tuscan trattoria to uptown Stuttgart. The client, Loretta Petti, who already had two Italian delis and a catering service under her belt, felt she needed a good, friendly, bustling restaurant to make up the set.

Trattoria it may be, but you won't find a single Chianti-bottle candle, terracotta floor tile or red chequered tablecloth in da Loretta. Instead, guests sit, mainly on long benches, at huge wooden tables – family style – where kindly neighbours explain to first-timers that they need to look in the drawers to find their cutlery and napkins.

Once you have settled in, waitresses bring dishes of antipasti drizzled in lemon oil and hunks of fresh country bread, while you swap Tuscan farmhouse self-catering stories with new-found friends and admire the specially designed, horizontally applied wallpaper by textile designer Monika Trenkler. Large wire-mesh lamps, which hang in pairs above each table, cast filigree shadows around the L-shaped room and complement the copper-coloured doily patterns painted on the ceiling.

If, after a couple of glasses of the house vino and a plate of roasted rosemary chicken, you tire of marvelling at the *gesamtdesign* of the restaurant or the holiday reminiscences of your dinner companions, you can test your memory by learning the Renaissance poem 'Quant'è Bella Giovenezza' by Lorenzo il Magnifico, which weaves its way around the walls. **Sophie Lovell** ★

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## LIGHT DINNER

Above and left, wire-mesh lamps illuminate the long wooden tables where guests sit down to traditional Italian food

Top left, the horizontal wallpaper